

MINUTES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE JANUARY 19, 1999

Welcome and Administrative Remarks

LCDR Pete Gautier, USCG opened the meeting and introduced CAPT Harlan Henderson, the COTP for San Francisco Bay, to the Committee. CAPT Henderson thanked everyone in attendance for their interest and support and made the point that each entity of pollution response in the Bay area is critical to the overall success of protecting the environment. Bill Robberson, the Region IX EPA representative and member of the Regional Response Team, was introduced to the group. He commented on the need for inland responders to follow in the steps of the coastal Area Committees in contingency planning and risk assessment. Lcdr Gautier then introduced Jana Clarke from the California Department of Boating and Waterways, CDR Plourde, the Chief of Port Operations at the Marine Safety Office and his predecessor as the CG co-chair to the Committee, and MSTC Myers, a new member of the Marine Environmental Response division at the MSO.

LCDR Gautier once again reminded the Committee that the deadline for all ACP updates is July 1, 1999 and presented the major revisions that need to be completed. These major areas include Wildlife Operations text, Volume II Geographic Response Plan and Sensitive Sites information, list of Local Resources which will now be itemized by company as opposed to by equipment, Alternative Response Techniques specifically in situ burning, Hazardous Materials text, and other miscellaneous corrections such as updates to phone numbers, addresses, and points of contact.

LT Larry Kirsch provided a brief on the FOG Working Group meeting that he attended. The FOG has not been updated since June of 1996. During the SONS exercise in Alaska, the participants agreed that a revision is necessary to have the FOG remain as a useful tool for developing an ICS organization. The meeting was held at the Executive Inn with representatives from numerous different agencies. The group brainstormed on exactly what parts of the FOG require improvement. One item that was discussed was the need to sanitize the tool in order for it to be used for any type of incident. Oil spill and hazardous material release inserts could then be included to point out specific details on those types of contingencies. Other items discussed for revisions were resource typing standards, section on the JIC, and training certifications. The working group would like the tool to be of use to all types of organizations. At the next meeting, scheduled to be held in Seattle, consultants will be brought in through industry. LT Kirsch volunteered to continue as the Committee's representative on the working group.

Subcommittee Briefings:

- 1. SS/GRP (Sensitive Site/Geographic Response Plan).** Carl Jochums reported that the subcommittee is working on improvements and editing for the ACP revisions. In preparing these revisions, the group is attempting to make the information more accessible via the Internet. A meeting for the subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 at 0930 at Clean Bay to discuss updating the sensitive sites and response strategies. Other items to be covered include any changes required before fully implementing the use of the data base, any assistance that is available for completing this project, and any other issues that have not previously been discussed.
- 2. Drills and Exercises/Lessons Learned.** Terry Joslin reported that there are no major updates for this subcommittee. However, the group will meet in mid-February to discuss the exercise schedule for 1999, response contractor site testing exercises, and lessons learned.
- 3. Local Resources.** Steve Ricks reported that the Local Resources subcommittee is on track for completing the ACP updates by summer. A letter has been drafted from the COTP to request equipment lists from response organizations to update the resource lists in the ACP.

4. **Volunteers.** Charlotte Robertson of BCDC introduced herself as the temporary chair of the Volunteers subcommittee. Her contact number is (415)-557-9893. She would like to have a meeting in mid to late February to establish the position of the subcommittee. The group has submitted a grant request for \$400K to fund a full time volunteer coordinator position but has not heard back on the success of the proposal. A discussion ensued on whether a section of the ACP should be dedicated to Volunteer coordination. The Committee determined that the information does need to be updated, but this information does not need to be included in the ACP since it is not a procedure and can be located somewhere else. However, the ACP should reference the location of this information.
5. **Wildlife Operations.** John Tarpley briefed the Committee on the status of the Wildlife Operations update to the ACP. All updates should be completed by the first week of February. John made the offer to anyone who would like an advance copy to provide him with a name and number, and he would get it to them as soon as possible. John commented on how critical volunteers are to Wildlife Operations during a spill response and noted that the wildlife update to the ACP would include a section on how volunteers are incorporated into the wildlife organization. The next meeting will be held on either 03 or 17 February 1999.

Derelict Vessel Program

Jana Clarke of the California Department of Boating and Waterways spoke to the Committee on the Derelict Vessel Removal Program. The Department of Boating and Waterways utilizes grant funding to remove abandoned vessels. This fund is replaced annually and totals \$1 million. Local jurisdictions request the money and are only required to provide a small percentage of the removal costs.

Other AC Activities

LCDR Dix provided a brief on the activities of the North Coast Area Committee. The last meeting was held on November 5, 1998. The Geographic Response Plan was given final approval and will be included in the ACP update. The next meeting will be held on January 27 in Crescent City. The Committee will take a tour of the harbor. A VOSS Exercise is scheduled for the last week of March. On water deployment will occur between March 29 and April 02.

New Business

The floor was opened to any new business. The upcoming PREPEX for the Central Coast was brought up. The question of who will act as the responsible party was discussed. Since there is no significant industry in the area, the possibility of utilizing either a vessel or the railroad was deliberated.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM Tuesday, March 02 at Gresham Hall on Coast Guard Island.